

# PACIFIC Expedition

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## Civil Engineers build up Kwang Ju

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Civil engineers from the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group and Detachment 3, 607th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, are teaming up with other engineer units from several Pacific bases in an effort to accomplish nearly \$50,000 in upgrades at Kwang Ju Air Base.

The upgrades will enable Kwang Ju to remain a versatile and important base for future operations in the Korean theater, according to Col. James E. Reed, 3rd Air Expeditionary group commander.

"There are two priorities which we are fulfilling with these improvements," said Lt. Col. John Burzynski, 3rd Air Expeditionary deputy group commander. "We are enhancing our readiness while improving quality of life for people at Kwang Ju."

Kwang Ju came to life in mid-May, when the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group was activated with the arrival of more than 640 people and 18 F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft in less than ten days.

The 49 civil engineers assigned include craftsmen, firemen, readiness, and explosive ordinance specialists who provide construction and contingency response expertise to the group, according to Capt. Joe Taylor, civil engineers chief.

"I think this CE team is doing a great job of supporting the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group," said Chief Master Sgt. Phil Cherry, Command Chief Master Sergeant.



Staff Sgt. Walter Colton, assigned to Osan Air Base's 554th RED HORSE Civil Engineer team, maneuvers a backhoe in an effort to prepare the area for excavation.

"They never say 'it can't be done'--no matter how big the project is--as they are true dedicated professionals."

Several projects have al-

ready been completed, according to Taylor. "Some of these projects include refurbishing aging facilities, install-

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## New medical care facility to open at Kadena Monday

Kadena's new clinic is scheduled to open Monday. During the move, medical officials say to expect some variations in medical care services.

The move to the new clinic is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday. Active duty aircrew will be seen in Flight Medicine at the old clinic, Bldg. 703.

All other patients needing an appointment will be seen at Lester Naval Hospital. To make an appointment call 634-1817.

Medical records won't be available for same day acute and active-duty sick call appointments. The Dental Clinic will provide limited service for sick call appointments.

## Senior NCO induction scheduled for July 24

A Senior Noncommissioned Officer's Induction Ceremony is scheduled for July 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the base theater.

Chief Master Sgt. Danny Hendrix, 8th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, is scheduled to speak at the event which will honor this year's master sergeant selectees. A banquet will be held immediately following the ceremony at the dining facility.

Seating for the banquet is limited to the first 150 people who sign up.

The evening's menu includes Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter, and Cake.

Those interested in attending the banquet can sign up at the billeting office starting today at 8 a.m..

## Eielson hosts Cope Thunder

Air forces from the United States, Thailand, Japan and Singapore began participating in the largest air combat exercise in the Pacific Thursday.

Cooperative Cope Thunder, held at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, simulates the same wartime conditions pilots would face in real combat. Although the exercise is held up to four times each year, this is the second time this many of the Pacific nations have converged for one exercise. Participants include observers from Australia, Thailand, Japan, Singapore and Brunei.

More than 1,350 people will participate, including approximately 900 U.S. service members and 430 service members from the other participating countries.

The exercise enables Air Force units to sharpen air combat skills, exchange air operations tactics and promote closer relations among air forces and nations. Pilots will fly air-to-air and air-to-ground combat missions as well as combat training support missions.

## Laundry, dry cleaning

Army and Air Force Exchange Service provides laundry services to members of the 3rd AEG on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Clothes dropped off on Tuesdays will be returned on Fridays and Friday drop-offs are ready for pick-up on Tuesdays.

The store, located in room 113 of building 214, is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days.

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Staff Sgts. Michael Means and Donald Shelton take measurements in the Fire Department building before starting a remodeling project Tuesday.

## Firefighters quality of life is being improved

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Renovations to the Kwang Ju fire department's living quarters, which began Tuesday, will give firefighters better living conditions and more privacy.

The 3rd AEG Civil Engineers are building new walls and running new electrical circuits in the open bay living quarters that house the firefighters during this and future deployments.

The room will be broken up into eight rooms and each room is designed to house two people.

It's a welcome change, according to Staff Sgt. Donald Shelton, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group assistant fire chief. "The area has needed some attention for a long time and now it's going to get it," said Shelton. "We're going to pitch in and help the CE craftsmen whenever and wherever we can."

We expect to finish the project within a couple of weeks, said Staff Sgt. Michael Means, the project team chief.

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ing air conditioners, completing facility hardening, among others" said Taylor.

In addition to accomplishing on-going projects, civil engineers assigned to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group are providing some oversight for the visiting teams.

With the arrival of 24 civil engineers assigned to the 554th RED HORSE Civil Engineers Squadron from Osan Air Base, work began Wednesday to excavate and prepare for the placement of a storage facility next to the base gym.

This project will still be underway when another 19 civil engineers start to arrive next week from Kadena Air Base, Japan. This group will construct new revetments for a hot-pit, quick-turn refueling area.

"This is a readiness improvement effort," said Burzynski.

"The new revetments will help protect fuel blad-

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A heavy equipment operator breaks up concrete where a storage facility will be built within the next 60 days.





3rd Air Expeditionary Group fire fighters practice for the real thing during an egress exercise on the flight line.

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ders, equipment and people during ground operations on the flightline,” said Master Sgt. Kevin Baker, fuels chief.

It will also help expedite the refueling process, according to Maj. Steve Curly, pilot. “Aircraft returning from flight will be able to go immediately to the (quick-turn) refueling area,” he said. “We won’t necessarily need to shut down engines in a routine situation.”

The new revetments won’t affect daily operations, but will help maintainers turn jets quicker when there are an increase in sorties, according to Capt. Duncan Stewart, maintenance officer.

The new revetments, in addition to all other base improvement projects, are being funded by 7th Air Force and Pacific Air Forces headquarters, according to Burzynski.

“Installing air conditioning im-

proves both readiness and quality of life--both of which improve productivity in accomplishing the mission,” said Burzynski.

“The air conditioners significantly reduced the mosquito problem in our work area--now it is nice, cool and comfortable there,” said Master Sgt. Dwight Nelson, transportation management office. “The

CE team led by Tech. Sgt. Bruce Pace, installed all new electrical lines and circuit breakers to handle the wattage, moved the emergency lighting, and put supports on the outside of the building to hold the air conditioner in place. Everyone is very thankful for their efforts.”

While finance, supply, PERSCO, public affairs, transportation, legal and other agencies recently received new air conditioners, there is still one unit that has not yet received an air conditioner-- the civil engineers.

Always on hand and in demand--civil engineers, like services reps, work weekends and after duty hours to support the group.

“We fix everything from broken air conditioners to flooding toilets,” said Master Sgt. Terence Trier, civil engineers superintendent who takes it in stride. “The important and most impressive aspect of our team’s deployment is that everyone has pulled together to get the job done, regardless of job or specialty.”



Senior Airmen Marcus Hector, Marty McAlduff and Mukimbah Bess replace a ballast in a lighting fixture outside the PERSCO office.



Staff Sgt. Stan Sakamoto, sound technician, monitors the stereo audio output during Sunday's performance.

## 4th of July pics 'n' pans

During the Fourth of July weekend, one of the United States Air Force Bands of the Pacific performed for more than 300 Republic of Korea Air Force basic trainees and 3rd Air Expeditionary Group members.



A group of concert goers look on as the band, Final Approach, performs in the Quad Fourth of July weekend.



ROKAF basic trainees enjoy the PACAF Band performance Saturday.



Senior Airman Mary Frenzl, vocalist for PACAF's Band of the Pacific, sings for Republic of Korea Air Force basic trainees on July 3 in the ROKAF theater.

## Osan tour

Noon today is the deadline to sign up at the Recreation Center for the one-night tour to Osan AB.

The show time for this tour is Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Individuals who are late meeting the bus will lose their seat to a standby passenger.

The tour bus departs Osan at 2 p.m. Sunday.

## DMZ tour

Thirty-seven seats are available for a tour to the Demilitarized Zone and tunnel on July 31.

Sign up for the tour Bldg. 104.

For more information call Tech. Sgt. Ian Lodge at 6-6591.

## Kunsan in a day

A one-day trip to Kunsan Air Base is being planned for Wednesday. The bus leaves here at 8:30 a.m. and departure from Kunsan is 3:30 p.m.

The deadline to sign up for the trip is noon Tuesday in the Recreation Center in Building 104.

## Intramural sports

A base intramural sports program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday. The deadline to sign up to participate is today at 4:30 p.m.

Teams are being formed for the following sports: basketball, volleyball, softball and racquetball.

A coach's meeting is Monday at 4:30 p.m. at the base gym. The season kicks off on Wednesday.

For more information please

call Senior Airman Dawn Smith, intramural sports coordinator, at 786-6591.

## Osan Information, Tickets and Tours

A range of trips and tours are available through the Information, Tickets and Tours office at Osan Air Base.

For more information please call Osan's ITT office at 784-4254 or visit the Rec. Center in Bldg 104.

## Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered in the base gym Monday - Friday at 5 p.m.

## Darts tournament

A weekly darts tournament is scheduled for Saturdays at 7 p.m. in Yoda's Place. Deadline to sign-up is 6:30.

Cash prizes are awarded for first, second and third place winners. A maximum of 20 people can play.

For more information please

call Staff Sgt. Travis Brovold at 6-6246.

## Live music at Yoda's

The "Red Devil Band" will perform at Yoda's Place Saturday at 10 p.m..

For more information please call 6-6424.

## R&B at Food Court

"Roar and Thunder", a Rhythm and Blues band will perform live July 23 in the Food Court.

For more information call Master Sgt. Libran Selfe or Tech. Sgt. Jeanie Buxton at 6-6424.

## Swing dance

A swing dance class is held in the theater at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Group run

A group run begins at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in front of Bldg. 214.

## Base theater movies

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>7 p.m. Armageddon</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3 p.m. Caddyshack;</b>
	<b>7 p.m. Conair</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 p.m. Hoosiers;</b>
	<b>7 p.m. Wedding singer</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7 p.m. South Park</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Leap of Faith</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Good Morning Vietnam</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Mallrats</b>

Movie schedule provided by 3rd AEG Services. For more information call the Recreation Center at 6-6591.

## Chapel News

A **prayer room** is available 24-hours a day.

**Walk in counseling** is available 8 to 11 a.m. daily.

For more information on chapel services call 6-6026.

## Catholic

Catholic Masses - 9 a.m. this Sunday with a picnic scheduled at 11 a.m. at St. John's Church. Weekdays masses are 11:30 a.m. in the Hidden Valley prayer room. Confessions are before and after the mass or anytime by appointment. For more information call Father George C. George at 6-6026.

**Catholic RCIA/bible study/reflection group** meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Hidden Valley prayer chapel.

## Protestant

**Protestant worship** is 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Base Theater. **Sunday school** 9:15 a.m. Sundays in the Base Theater.

A **modern issues in Christianity** group meets 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Hidden Valley Prayer Chapel.

*All of the following classes are held in the Food Court's "upper room":*

An **Officer Christian Fellowship** is 6 p.m. Sundays.

A **Bible introduction class** is 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

## Hours of operation

**Finance** Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Food Court**

**Grill** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

**Phone card desk** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

**Barber shop** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

**AAFES Souvenir Shop**

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

**AAFES dry cleaning**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday

**Post Office** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

**Dining Hall**

**Weekdays** Breakfast 5 to 8 a.m.

Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

**Weekends** Brunch 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

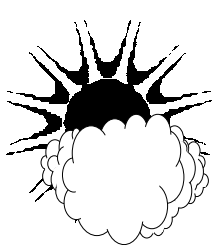
**Midnight meals** 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sun-Friday.

**Lodging office** 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

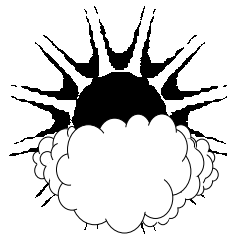
**Fitness Center** 24 hours a day

**Recreation Center** 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

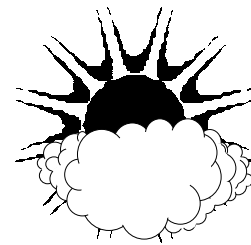
**Yoda's Place** Weeknights 6 p.m. to midnight and weekends 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.



Saturday -  
Partly cloudy with  
a high of 82, low  
of 71.



Sunday -  
Mostly cloudy with  
a high of 84, low  
of 72.



Monday -  
mostly cloudy;  
isolated showers.  
High of 80, low of  
69.

Weather information provided by the 3rd AEG Weather Flight.

## Orphanage Volunteers

For those who have already been involved in volunteer efforts at the orphanage for severely handicapped children, another visit is planned for Monday.

Those who would like to participate should meet in front of Bldg. 214 at 5 p.m.

For more information please call 1st Lt. Michele Tasista at 6-6343.

## Winner's circle

### 5K run winner

Capt. Mel Peterson, a member of the 90th Fighter Squadron, won a race at Osan Air Base. Peterson's finishing time was 15:30.

### Racquetball tournament

Staff Sgt. Bob Burdan, a computer systems specialist with the 90th Fighter Squadron, won the July Fourth weekend racquetball tournament.





Senior Airman Magus Brown carries a tray of hamburgers out to the grill July 4 during a cookout.

## People...Places...Faces...



Senior Airmen Melissa Bell and Gregory Featherstone load the grill with hamburgers and hot dogs during the cookout July 4.

### Recreation center



Senior Airman Kooter Aaron and Airman 1st Class Jose Verbeck, from the 90th Fighter Squadron, tend bar at the new smoke free lounge which is co-located with the Recreation Center in Building 104. The Top 3 organization spearheaded the project to clean up and prepare the building for its grand opening July 2. Verbeck, Aaron, Staff Sgt. Linda Harris and Tech. Sgt. Wes Salter, both from the 90th FS, are credited with "doing what it takes to open the place up for business," said Master Sgt. Dan Deardorff, 90th FS.